

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Thursday, November 18, 2021

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7:00 pm

James White Library

- Call to Order:** Chairperson Paul Sadeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Paul Sadeck is recording the meeting.
- Present:** Amy Sypher, Christine Paiva, Irene Ashley, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck, Nicole Davignon-Library Director, Paul Lubin- member of the Library Planning Committee, Tom Matthews and Ross Edminster-member of the James White Building Trustees.
- Absent:** Linda Fournier
- Review of Payroll:** Payroll for October was reviewed- there were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Bills:** Bills for October were reviewed- there were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Minutes:** Minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by Christine Paiva and seconded by Paul Sadeck the minutes were accepted. The motion passed.
- Building Trustee:** Paul Sadeck shared with Ross Edminster the maintenance issues that the Library Trustees are having the with building. Each upgrade that has been done has been costly and is coming out of a trust fund. The trust fund is running low on funds, if a major repair needs to be done within the building there may not be enough funds to cover it. Because this building is not a town building , no town funds can be used to assist with this problem. Paul asked if the Building Trustees would consider "selling " or giving" the building to the town and then the town would be able to assist with the maintenance. Ross said he would be meeting with the Building Trustees and share our concerns with them and get back to us.
- Library Director:** Nicole reported that with the new union negotiations both Brittany and Alyssa would be getting an increase in their wages.
- Adult Craft time was held today and there were 10 people who attended. We are getting some new people attending these events.
- The mini refrigerator in Assonet has stopped working. The refrigerator from the White Library will be moved to Assonet and a new refrigerator

will be purchased for the White library. This will be paid for from the donation account.

The Town account will be purchasing a new water cooler for the Hathaway library.

The sign outside the Hathaway library needs to be refinished due to aging. 99% of this project is to be paid for from the Hathaway Trust fund and the remainder cost will be paid for from the donation fund. A motion to accept the quote of \$1450 was made by Amy Sypher and seconded by Irene Ashley. The motion passed.

The street light adjacent to the Hathaway library is to be installed intomorrow.

Nicole reported that the White Library is still having some plumbing issues with the toilet / pump. Jeff is to check out the situation.

Nicole reported that the library is experiencing some internet problems. Comcast says it is not their equipment issue. The town IT person is to check out the situation.

Nicole reported that Debra Petty has asked her to reach out to the MBLC to see what restrictions are attached to the grant that we have. This will help clarify what the money can be spent on.

Old Business: Book Drop: Paul to check on the status of the book drop.

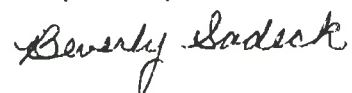
Rodent Problem: Rodents still being heard in the attic- no permanent solution has been found to alleviate this problem.

New Business: Town Christmas Party is on 12/16/21.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Irene Ashley and seconded by Christine Paiva. The motion passed.

Next meeting: January 20, 2022

Respectfully Submitted



Beverly Sadeck